

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2016
Board of Education
Conference Room "A"

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Members Present: Vincent Loffredo, Dr. Patricia Charles, Edgar Cintron, Marco Gaylord, Jim D'Antonio and one (1) visitor

Members Absent: Franca Biales, Cheryl McClellan, David Bauer, Steve Kovach, Ed McKeon, and Thomas Serra

I. Pat Kidney Reconfiguration (Gene Nocera)

Gene Nocera stated there is revenue available for the field reconfiguration and a revised resolution will go before the Common Council on Monday, May 2, 2016. This will include the Woodrow Wilson Middle School tennis court, stadium, and Pat Kidney field which have been approved by the City. Vinnie Loffredo believes that there may be State bonding money available for these as part of a school construction project and that it should be explored. Gene Nocera was planning on speaking with Brig Smith and Kori Wisneski. Dr. Charles will also check with Natalie Forbes in the Grants Department to see if the stadium and track are able to receive any reimbursement.

Work on the tennis courts will be started this summer and the Building Committee will be meeting on May 11, 2016. The public is viewing this as an upgrade to the area. The location is good, concept is first rate, and the section will be elevated to have proper drainage, as well as new lighting to make the area safer.

Pat Kidney is widely used and a plan needs to be facilitated for it maintenance. A visit to Branford, Guilford, and Cheshire was suggested to view their renovation and maintenance protocols.

II. Macdonough School Basketball Courts

Macdonough School plans are under way and there will be a Public Works project (parking lot and Basketball courts), as well. The Macdonough School project should be done this summer. There are no activities that will interfere with this work.

Farm Hill – The Board of Education will pay for the parking lot reconfiguration, which will double the number of parking spaces presently there. Marco Gaylord has asked Chris Holden for a statement. The Farm Hill parking lot should be done this summer. We are currently waiting for a Hill that will interfere with the work.

The second phase of the City Parks plans will be the grass fields and it is important to move on this quickly. This phase includes Lawrence, Moody, Snow and Wesley Schools. Marco Gaylord asked to be included in the planning of the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Track/Field area as that area is also used by the Board of Education. Storage space must be maintained.

Gene Nocera will attend the June 15, 2016 Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the Feasibility Study update.

II. Information on School System Fuel/Energy Contracts

Michael Harris asked who the contact is at Doosan. The system is not generating the energy that it used to and the issue needs to be resolved quickly. Mr. Harris was asked to present information along with a breakdown for either a new gas system which would cost approximately \$689K and would be a Capital expense or continue with the use of the fuel cell.

III. Work Order Update

Director of Facilities Edgar Cintron explained there are old work orders still open and each Tradesperson is prioritizing their jobs. Each Tradesperson is responsible and accountable for their work orders and contractors are available if the Tradesperson requests a contract and gets the proper authorization from the Director of Facilities. This also becomes a Union issue when outside contractors are hired.

IV. Lawrence School PA School System Status

The Lawrence PA system is fully operational and the work is warrantied for one year with Tone Klear. There will be an assessment from Fire Marshal Al Santostefano.

Future meetings dates are as follows at the Board of Education and start at 5:30 PM unless otherwise stated. Meetings starting in May or June may be rotating at various schools.

- 05/18/16; 06/15/16; no meetings in July and August;
09/21/16; 10/19/16; 11/16/16, 12/21/16 and 01/18/17

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola

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